

Sask. UCC Women's Newsletter April 2021

Ask the Lord for rain in the spring of the year. It is the Lord who sends rain clouds and showers, making the fields green for everyone.

Zechariah 10: 1



Of course, in Saskatchewan this often comes in the form of snow showers!

Easter Sunrise Service

For those of you who may have missed the Living Skies Region Easter Sunrise service, here is the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/crOukrwAP-E>

SASKATCHEWAN UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

It is unfortunate that the Women's Retreats and a province wide Meeting were postponed in 2020, necessitated by the restrictions due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Extensive planning was completed for the postponed April 24 to 26, 2020 Gathering in Prince Albert, refunds of deposits and cancellation of presenters were completed.

Tentative plans are being made for a Sask. UCCW Gathering/Meeting in September 2021 if an in-person meeting can be held. Otherwise, a Zoom Meeting of Saskatchewan members may be arranged.

The Executive consulted by telephone and e-mail. It met in person by October and December 2020 Zoom Executive meetings.

Dawn Weber, 1st Vice Chair and Barbara Byers Bradley, Secretary represented Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women at the National UCW Annual Meeting held September 28 to October 2020 by Zoom. Our unit was assigned to provide Morning and Evening Meditations. National UCW Elections have been postponed as was the transfer of duties to President elect Nancy Risto from Horseshoe Falls Region. The UCW Handbook Committee Manual update is proceeding. Rev. Michael Blair's special closing worship service with communion was open to anyone wishing to register via Zoom. Rev. Blair assumed the new General Council Secretary position November 1, 2020. Full report of the NUCW Zoom Meeting is available. Due to the illness of President Beulah Hayley, a follow-up NUCW zoom meeting has been postponed. The representatives are

to consider a draft letter to General Council recommending UCW recognition as a constituent member of the United Church of Canada.

The 60th anniversary of UCW is set for July 11 to 15, 2022 at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Due to reorganization at the General Council Office, Carol Owegi is our new UCW support person at head office and can be emailed at COwegi@united-church.ca.

Monthly newsletters have been written, distributed by email and mail by Mary Mohn, Editor. She is our representative to the National UCW In Touch Newsletter [formerly *Keeping In Touch*]. The Sask UCCW Newsletters and revised Statistics Form are posted online at the Living Skies Regional website: [<https://livingskiesrc.ca/programs/ucw/> under Programs>Women's Network]. Mary Mohn has been appointed as Sask UCCW Communications Officer and contact person for Sask UCCW on the UCW webpage.

The Statistics Form 2020/2021 has been revised and circulated with a deadline date for returns by March 1, 2021. As at March 2020 there were 718 Saskatchewan UCCW Members. A 2021 project is planned for Dawn Weber and Barb Byers Bradley to personally contact all Living Skies Region pastoral charges and community of faith members and/or women's groups including UCWs to ensure we have correct contact information for Newsletters, Announcements, Gatherings, Meetings and Camps. Sask United Church of Canada Women is a "Network" that includes all UCW, and all women and individuals in the entire Province of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan UCW Bursary Fund Committee members are Mary Mohn, Susan Dokken, Chantal Ntibategera, Allison Irvine, Joan Brown. The Bursary Fund Application Form and Pamphlet were revised, with thanks to Bev Diebert, to reflect the regional structure. Persons who are members of Living Skies Regional Council United Church community of faith and who are participants in a recognized program of preparation for pastoral ministry in the United Church of Canada may apply. Applications will be considered twice yearly, at the end of February and the end of October. Applications may be submitted once per year per person.

Four Bursaries were awarded totalling \$5,600.00. The Bursary Fund balance at year end, December 31, 2020, is \$8,461.00 including donations received in 2020 of \$7,247.00.

The United Church Women of Living Skies Region gave \$50,402 to Mission and Service in 2019. In total, UCWs across Canada and Bermuda gave \$1,020,034.00 to Mission and Service in 2019.

For the year 2020 an Election and Installation of an Executive has not been held because of the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women: *Susan Dokken & Chantal Ntibategera, Co-chairs, Mary Mohn, Past Co-chair, Dawn Weber, 1st Vice-chair, Wilma Will, Treasurer, Barb Byers Bradley, Secretary and Phyllis Robinson.*

Sask. UCC Women Executive Meeting

The executive of Sask. United Church of Canada Women met via Zoom on Saturday, April 10.

We are hoping to have a meeting of the whole Region in the Fall and are definitely planning to hold an election for the coming year either in-person or by Zoom. At present we have persons willing to accept positions on the executive in 2022 except for First and Second Vice. If you or anyone you know might be interested in either of these positions please let any member of the present executive know.

Keeping In Touch National UCW Newsletter

The first edition of the National UCW Newsletter is attached and has been posted on the Living Skies Website.

Fund Raising

If you are looking for an easy and fun way to do some fund raising for your church check out the **Spring2Life, Virtual Concert Celebration** slated for **Sunday, April 25** at 7 p.m. You can designate your ticket price to go to your own Community of Faith or whatever Living Skies United Church ministry you wish to support.



Spring is here, and it is time for a celebration of music!

YouTube Livestream (Living Skies YouTube Channel)

An incredible diversity of United Church musicians from throughout the Living Skies Region have prepared an amazing evening of musical entertainment & story!

Ticket proceeds support UCC Communities of Faith (congregations), and other UCC Ministries throughout the Living Skies Region. When you order your ticket, simply indicate the Ministry that you would like to support.

Order Tickets: <https://form.jotform.com/210804545521246>

More Info: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/spring-2-life-concert/>

Download Poster (pdf): <https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Spring-2-Life-Poster-pdf.pdf>

Featuring the music of **Morgan Moats & Lee Stubbe, St. Paul's Worship Arts Team, Calvary UC, Tannis Schmidt, Sacred Sounds Worship Band, Liam & Layne Jones, Arlene & Roel Tolentino, Korean Ministries Network & Beyond, the Heather/Andrew/Chelsea Trio, Cam & Cheryl Fraser**, and so many more... with tech support provided by **Cheri Uthe of Faith Productions**.

Questions? Suggestions? Sage Advice? Please contact Kent at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca or 306-221-5529.

Women's Inter Church Council

The latest newsletter from Women's Inter-Church Council is available at <https://wicc.org/>. Also remember that the World Day of Prayer Service is available on-line until September.

In closing here is the YouTube chickadee prayer:

<https://youtu.be/UojsU4p71g8>

This prayer was adapted by Rev. Nora Vedress from a prayer written by J. Philip Newell from his book "*Celtic Prayers from Iona*". Video includes Rev. Lindsay Mohn, Emmett and Kent Mohn.

As the calm of night descends, God of all Creation,
I find myself longing to know who You are.
You are the love of each living Creature
You are the warmth of the rising sun
You are the whiteness of the moon at night
You are the life of the growing earth
You are the strength of the waves of the sea
You are the spirit in the chickadee.

So Speak to me this night O God
Speak to me your truth
Dwell with me this night O God
Dwell with me in love.

I end this day, As the Son of Mary would end it
Trusting that you are with me.

You are above me
You are beneath me
You are beside me
You are within me
O God of heaven
You have made your home on earth
In the broken body of creation
So kindle within me a love for you in all things
Tonight, [tomorrow](#), and always.

Stay safe, be KIND to each other!

Blessings,

Mary